



Foundation Forum

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This is a monthly newsletter to keep you updated on projects and initiatives of the Pinellas Education Foundation. Please forward this to anyone you feel would be interested in learning more about the Pinellas Education Foundation.

Centers of Excellence Receive Recognition

On February 5, 2009, Career Education Fund Board Co-Chairman Gerald Hogan presented a very special recognition from Florida Senator Don Gaetz to principals from four Pinellas County High Schools. These four school leaders had the honor of being among the first principals in the county to lead their schools, with support from hardworking faculty and staff, to the designation as Centers of Excellence.

The specially framed letters of recognition were signed by Senator Gaetz, former Chairman of the State of Florida's Education Committee and sponsor of the Career and Professional Education Act of 2007, mandating access to career education for students across the state. Senator Gaetz wrote, "Thank you for leading the way in Pinellas County and helping to set the standard in career education programs for the students of our state."

Leaders and programs receiving recognition were:

- Kevin Hendrick - Academy of Finance, Northeast High School
- John Johnston - Criminal Justice Academy, Pinellas Park High School
- Chip Snare - Academy of Engineering, East Lake High School
- Paul Summa - Academy of Architectural Design and Building Technologies, Dunedin High School

Doorways Scholars from the Class of 2009 Say "Thanks"

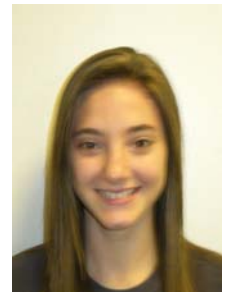


"I want to thank you and I want to say how much I appreciate your generosity. When it's all said and done I plan on giving back to my community in the same way you have, you make the dreams of many a possibility."

~Daniel Hawthorne, Senior at St. Petersburg High

"I thank you so much for your generosity in helping me financially through college. You make college a very tangible opportunity for me and I appreciate it. So thank you very much for sponsoring Doorways."

~Abigail Barea, Senior at East Lake High



What's a Party Without a Cake?



Dr. and Mrs. Gus Stavros are joined by Pinellas County Schools Superintendent, Dr. Julie Janssen; Bob McIntyre, Immediate Past Chairman of the Pinellas Education Foundation; Mitch Vigeveno, Chairman of the Stavros Institute Committee; and Peggy O'Shea, Pinellas County School Board Chairperson as they cut the cake at the 20th Anniversary of the Gus A. Stavros Institute.

Thanks to all of the generous sponsors, volunteers and educators who made Dr. Stavros's dream a reality. We're looking forward to the next twenty years!

Last Chance to Attend the 2009 Outstanding Educator Awards Show

There is still time to be in the audience for the 2009 Outstanding Educators Awards Show! Please join us for this celebration of the teaching profession and all of Pinellas County's outstanding educators on Thursday, February 26, 2009. The evening will begin with a pre-show reception at 6:00 p.m. and the Awards show starting at 7:00 p.m. at Clearwater's beautiful Ruth Eckerd Hall. The evening will feature a performance by the Pinellas County Teachers All-Star Jazz Band, feature many Tampa Bay Area notables and will be taped and broadcast at a later date on WPDS-TV Channel 14. **In a change from previous years, this year's event features a pre-show reception rather than a seated dinner.**



Tickets for the show only are free in advance by calling the Ruth Eckerd Hall box office at 727-791-7400. The night of the show, tickets for the show will be available at the box office for \$5.

Macy's Spring Charity Event is Saturday, February 28th



On Saturday, February 28, Macy's Florida will host its Spring Charity Event to raise funds for the **Pinellas Education Foundation**. Shoppers at any Macy's in Florida and Puerto Rico can donate \$5 and receive an exclusive all day shopping pass for 20% discount on many designer names that are usually excluded. Macy's will donate 100% of each coupon purchased at the Tyrone Mall and Countryside stores to the Pinellas Education Foundation.

Coupons may be purchased and are valid at any Macy's in Florida and Puerto Rico on February 28 and entitle you to 20% off regular, sale and clearance prices on apparel, accessories, jewelry, bed & bath, house wares, frames, luggage, china, crystal and silver and 10% discount on regular, sale and clearance prices on furniture, kitchen and personal care electrics and technology items (some exclusions apply, see your coupon for details).

Seniors & Scholars News

Great News! We have had a price reduction on the Seniors & Scholars Fundraising Cruise. Inside cabins are now \$434 rather than the original \$499 for a \$65 savings. Ocean view cabins are now \$469 rather than the original \$569 for a \$100 savings. The cruise will sail out of Tampa, January 11 – 16, 2010, on the Carnival Inspiration. Ports visited will be Grand Cayman and Cozumel, Mexico. A deposit of \$50 per person is due with your reservation. The reduced price includes R/T Bus Transportation, Driver Gratuity, 5 Night Cruise, Port Taxes, Government Fees, Welcome Aboard Private Cocktail Party, Farewell Private Cocktail Party, \$50 Ship Board Credit per cabin, Tote Bag, and much more. If you would like further information, please do not hesitate to contact Ginger Herring, 727-588-4816 ext. 2119 or email Ginger at herringG@pinellaseducation.org.



Come See How the Pinellas Education Foundation Changes Lives

The Pinellas Education Foundation changes lives through learning by supporting the following programs:

- Enterprise Village & Finance Park promoting free enterprise and financial education for 5th and 8th graders
- Doorways scholarships & mentoring opportunities for financially deserving students
- Frances Stavros Career Education Fund opportunities & the Jacobson Culinary Arts Academy
- College-bound scholarships for graduating high school seniors
- Pinellas County Outstanding Educator of the Year honoring the profession of teaching
- Teacher classroom grants that inspire innovative projects
- Walker's Rising Stars competition featuring talented high school students in the Arts
- Seniors & Scholars breakfast series and events benefiting our 55+ population

We offer one-hour informational sessions to help educate members of the community about the Pinellas Education Foundation and how our programs impact the teachers and students in Pinellas County public schools. These one hour educational sessions include a tour of our world-renowned program Enterprise Village. Won't you join us?

For information on session dates and times, or to schedule a session, contact Marilyn Browne at 727-522-4816 ext. 2112 or brownem@pinellaseducation.org.

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